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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

1. IN DISCUSSION FEB. 15 WITH EVAN LUARD, PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY IN BRITISH FCO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN (HA) RAISED SUBJECT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, STRESSING DESIRABILITY OF UK AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHING AT LEAST MODEST PROGRAMS TO ACCEPT SUCH REFUGEES FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT.

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2. MS. DERIAN CALLED ATTENTION TO RELATIVELY SMOOTH ASSIMILATION OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF THESE REFUGEES BY FRANCE, US, AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH CHILDREN DOING WELL IN SCHOOL, VIRTUALLY NO CRIME, HARD-WORKING ADULTS, AND STRONG FAMILY TIES. ALSO DESCRIBED URGENT NEED TO FIND MORE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOAT AND OTHER REFUGEES WHOM SHE HAD SEEN DURING HER VISIT TO THAILAND AND OTHER

SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES IN JANUARY. DERIAN SAID EVEN SMALL UK PROGRAM WOULD HELP DEMONSTRATE TO THAI AND OTHER ASIAN AUTHORITIES (AND TO US CONGRESS) THAT OTHERS ARE CONCERNED AND HELPING.

3. LUARD SAID REFUGEES WERE NOT IN HIS OFFICIAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITIES BUT THAT HE WOULD CONVEY OUR CONCERN TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS UPON HIS RETURN TO LONDON FEBRUARY 16. HE NOTED UK IS FACING DIFFICULT POLITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION IN GENERAL, SO THAT A DECISION TO ACCEPT INDOCHINESE REFUGEES MIGHT HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO CABINET.

4. LUARD HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH DERIAN AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS IN RECENT MONTHS. ALTHOUGH AS HE NOTED REFUGEES ARE HANDLED ELSEWHERE IN UK GOVERNMENT, WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO FOLLOW-UP WITH HIM TO GAIN HIS ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING THIS SUBJECT AGAIN TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN UK GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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